

State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Central Valley District  
22708 Broadway Street  
Columbia, CA 95310

**PROJECT TITLE:** McConnell Power Entrance Gates  
**LOCATION:** McConnell SRA

**COUNTY:** Merced

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Install new sliding gate at McConnell SRA to control park access and to prevent vandalism and theft to state facilities during non-operational hours. Work will:

- Pour one 12'L x 6'W x 18"D concrete pad to hold gate control mechanism and two 6" diameter x 5'H support posts.
- Dig five 8" diameter x 3'D holes to install two support posts, a keypad post, and two protective bollards.
- Excavate a 30'L x 6"W x 12"D trench for keypad control wiring and a 165'L x 6"W x 12"D trench for electrical power.
- Install 35' cantilever gate.
- Remove one 15" diameter sycamore and one 15" diameter oak and lay class II roadside base to create a 50' x 55' turnaround northwest of the gate.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Central Valley District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
Statutory Exemption (Section: )  
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 3

Section: 15301, 15303

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of minor alteration of existing public structures involving no expansion of use; and the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of accessory structure, included as "installation of gates" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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